

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB 605

HEARING DATE: March 4, 1999

COMMITTEE ON: Revenue

TITLE: (Stuhr) Change the motor vehicle fuel tax

ROLL CALL VOTE – FINAL COMMITTEE ACTION

Advanced to General File

X Advanced to General File with Amendments

Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

7	Yes	Senators Coordsen, Hartnett, C. Peterson, Raikes, Redfield, Schellpeper and Wickersham
1	No	Senator Landis
0	Present, not voting	
0	Absent	

PROPOSERS

Senator Elaine Stuhr
Steve Sorum
Andy Jensen
Danny Allison
John Campbell
Rod Schroeder
Scott Houck
Jerry Elfring
Greg Peters
Burdette Piening
Thomas Kell

REPRESENTING

Introducer
Nebraska Ethanol Board
Nebraska Corn Growers Association
High Plains Corporation
Ag Processing, Inc.
Nebraska Energy Cooperative, Inc.
Nebraska Soybean Association
York County Development Corporation
Nebraska Soybean Growers Association
Self
Nebraska Energy LLC

OPPOSERS

Bud Cuca
Terry King

REPRESENTING

Nebraska Trucking
Nebraska Chapter Associated General Contractors

NEUTRAL

Vincent Brown
Fred Stone
Rod Johnson

REPRESENTING

American Petroleum Institute
NE Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Assn.
Nebraska Grain & Feed Association

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SUMMARY OF PURPOSE AND/OR CHANGES:

LB 605 would amend sections 66-489 (motor fuel tax imposed at the wholesale level) and 66-4,105 (excise tax for use of motor fuel in the state) to provide for a two cent lower gas tax for motor fuel containing a minimum of 10 percent agricultural ethyl alcohol. The sections amended impose the statutory 10 1/2 cent gas tax which is deposited in the Highway Trust Fund for distribution to cities, counties and the state. The bill carries the emergency clause.

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENTS, IF ANY:

The Committee amendments amend section 66-1345 to provide that any shortfall to the Highway Trust Fund is to be reimbursed from the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund and limit the two-cent decrease to the period between January 1, 2000 and the time at which the EPIC Fund is unable to reimburse the Highway Trust Fund. The emergency clause would be struck by the Committee amendments.

Senator William R. Wickersham, Chairman
Committee on Revenue